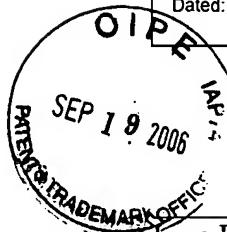


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2005, finally rejecting claims 1 and 3-17, and in accordance with the Request for Continued Examination submitted concurrently herewith, kindly amend this application as follows:

Pending Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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